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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

NIE 11-3/8-79

In your memorandum of 22 February ________ on some of the NFIB members' objections to the NIE, you indicated a feeling on their part that the Soviets might want to reserve more hard-target warheads than we have allowed for non-MX targets. I don't understand what these would be after we've made allowances for a few command control facilities and Minuteman. Are they stating that the Soviets would need these warheads for lethal area purposes such as city destruction or non-hardened military forces? I would have thought that they had enough SLBMs and bombers to handle that.

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